

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow a surface water withdrawal for public water supply from The Smith River and associated water supply infrastructure improvements in Henry County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **January 22, 2016 to February 20, 2016.**

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Henry County Public Service Authority; c/o Mike Ward; 3300 Kings Mountain Road, P.O. Box 7, Collinsville, Virginia 24078; VWPP No. 12-0052

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Henry County Public Service Authority (HCPSA) has applied for a permit to construct a new raw water intake in the Smith River for the purpose of public water supply. The proposed intake will replace the county's existing intake on the south bank of the Smith River. The intake location is approximately 50 feet upstream from the state route 674 bridge and 720 feet upstream from the entrance of Town Creek into the Smith River. The draft permit proposes a maximum daily withdrawal of 6 million gallons and a maximum annual withdrawal of 1890 million gallons. The draft permit also authorizes permanent impacts to 0.03 acres of surface waters in the Smith River with an additional 0.03 acres of temporary impacts. The activity proposed in the permit will affect The Smith River in the Roanoke River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Ryan Green; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-698-4258; E-mail: [tim.green@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:tim.green@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: 804-698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above {by appointment} or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.